



September 20, 2015

(b) (6)

Irrigation Ditch

Location Codes: GKMSW33, GKMSW35, GKMSW36, GKMSW37, GKMSW41, GKMSE32, GKMSE33, and GKMSE34

(b) (6)

Durango, CO 81301

Dear (b) (6),

Thank you for providing access to the (b) (6) Irrigation Ditch to collect sediment samples. In some cases, surface waters may have been taken with associated sediment samples, if appropriate. We are attaching copies of the validated sample results which we have received to date.

The samples from the referenced ditch were submitted to a private certified laboratory to be analyzed for total metals. The analysis included metals that could potentially be present in sediment deposited as a result of the release from the Gold King Mine incident on August 5, 2015.

EPA has worked closely with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to evaluate the conditions in the Animas River following the incident. Surface water and sediment samples collected throughout the watershed have demonstrated the river has returned to pre-event conditions. Samples collected from your property are consistent with the other samples collected after the river returned to pre-event conditions. In addition, samples collected from your property also meet risk-based screening levels for recreational use.

If you have any health related questions regarding these test results, please contact Flannery O'Neil with the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) at (970) 247-5702; or to discuss your sample results with an EPA representative, please contact Cynthia Peterson, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6879.

Sincerely,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

Enclosure